

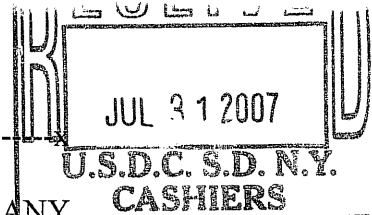
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Our Ref. : 07-F-045-JK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY  
a/s/o V.R. Food Equipment, Inc.,

07 Civ. ( )

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

- against -

GAVA INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT S.R.L.,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff, ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, by their attorneys, Badiak & Will, LLP, as and for their Complaint herein against the defendant, alleges upon information and belief as follows:

1. All and singular the following premises are true and constitute an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States and of this Honorable Court.

2. Plaintiff, St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company (hereinafter referred to as "St. Paul"), is and was at all times hereinafter mentioned a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota and provided all-risk cargo insurance for

the subject shipments hereinafter described, and maintained an office and place of business at 485 Lexington Avenue, Suite 500, New York, New York, 10017.

3. Plaintiff St. Paul has paid the consignees and owners of the shipments mentioned hereinafter pursuant to a marine cargo insurance policy herein before described and brings this action on its own behalf and as agent and trustee on behalf of and for the interest of all parties who may be or become interested in the said shipment, as their respective interests may ultimately appear, and plaintiff is entitled to maintain this action. The shippers and consignees hereinafter mentioned have performed all conditions required on their part to be performed with respect to the subject shipment.

4. Defendant, GAVA INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT S.R.L. (hereinafter "GAVA"), is and was a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of a foreign state with an office and place of business c/o Gava International Freight Consolidators (USA), Inc., 230-79 International Apt. Center Blvd., Suite 235, Jamaica, New York 11413, and is and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a common carrier by water for hire and owned, chartered, managed and/or otherwise controlled or contracted to use the M.V. ZIM BEIJING as a general vessel engaged in the common carriage of merchandise by water for hire between, among others, the ports of Leghorn, Italy, and New York, New York.

5. On or before July 26, 2006, there was shipped by Bertocchi, S.r.L., as shipper, and delivered to GAVA and the M.V. ZIM BEIJING, at Leghorn, Italy, as common carriers, a shipment consisting of a VCX 12 Turbo Extractor with accessories, said cargo then being in good order and condition, and defendant then and there accepted the said shipment so

shipped and delivered to them and, in consideration of certain freight charges thereupon paid or agreed to be paid, agreed to transport and carry the said shipment to New York, New York, and there deliver same in like good order and condition as when shipped, delivered to and received by them, to V.R. Food Equipment, Inc., the consignee and the plaintiff's assured, all in accordance with a bill of lading issued by or on behalf of the aforementioned vessel and defendant GAVA numbered 011602702-I, dated on or about July 26, 2006.

6. Thereafter the defendant made delivery of the aforementioned shipment, but not in like good order, condition or quantity as when shipped, delivered to and received by them but, to the contrary, with serious damage, shortage and impaired in value, all in violation of the defendant's obligations and duties as a common carrier of merchandise by water for hire.

7. By reason of the foregoing premises, plaintiff has sustained damage, as nearly as the same can now be estimated, no part of which has been paid although duly demanded, in the sum of \$22,285.42.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays:

1. That process in due form of law may issue against defendant citing it to appear and answer all and singular the matters aforesaid;
2. That if defendant cannot be found within this District then all of their property within this District be attached in the sum of \$22,285.42, with interest thereon and costs, the sum sued for in this Complaint;

3. That judgment may be entered in favor of plaintiff against defendant for the amount of plaintiff's damages, together with interest and costs and the disbursements of this action; and

4. That this Court will grant to plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
July 26, 2007

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